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Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted herewith, please amend the claim of the above-identified application as follows:

Claim 1 (four times amended). A method of predicting the lymphotropic metastatic potential of a primary human breast tumor, the method comprising obtaining a plurality of representative samples of the tumor and determining for at least